

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Turner-Pharr House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 101 North Fourth StreetN/A ☐ not for publicationcity, town ClarksvilleN/A ☐ vicinitystate Missouricode MOcounty Pikecode 163zip code 63336

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
	<u>0</u> sites
	<u>0</u> structures
	<u>0</u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Clarksville, MissouriNumber of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official G. Tracy Mehan, III, DirectorDate 3/15/91

Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation limestone

walls brick

roof asphalt

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Turner-Pharr House is one of a group of significant high-style houses identified in the Multiple Resource Documentation Form "Historic Resources of Clarksville, Missouri." It is a two-story, hip-roofed brick house of five front and three side bays, with a one-story service wing at the north end in the rear. The house is situated in a commanding position at the northwest corner of Fourth and Howard Streets in Clarksville, Missouri. The design is an example of the transition from Greek Revival to Italianate. The present condition of the house reflects various alterations over the years, but most of them took place during the period of significance of the property. They include the front porch, the floor of the side porch, and some interior partitions, all detailed below. The house is in good repair.

A front porch crosses the center three bays. It may date from circa 1900. It has Doric columns, and its roof is topped by an elaborate balustrade with large urn-shaped finials on the posts. This creates a balcony accessible from the second-story door, which, like the front door, has a four-pane toplight. Both doors also have two lights on each side. The framework of the doors is recessed about 16", and the doors jut out from that about 5". Windows are four-over-four, with wooden lintels. On the south side is a porch of more Victorian character, with corner supports composed of flat paired uprights, and with a wide frieze cut out to create a pointed arch. This is a style of porch seen frequently in Clarksville, and almost all the examples may have been built by one mid-nineteenth-century carpenter. The porch of this porch, however, is concrete and has the date 1913 marked in it. It is said that this porch was once the carriage entrance, but the steep ascent from the street today would not permit that.

The interior doors are dark-stained hardwood with brass and porcelain knobs. There are four outside wall chimneys, but only one fireplace inside. The chimneypiece, possibly added by the Pharrs, is seven feet tall and five feet wide. Around the fireplace, all doors, and windows are label moldings. A recessed bookcase on the left of the fireplace matches the height of the windows. There are two interior transoms in the hallways, one up and one down. A back stairway has been removed, creating a larger kitchen. The front stairway is walnut, still all original. The banister turns to frame the stairwell upstairs. The wall between the two north rooms has been deepened to create a bathroom.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance

1867

1867-1900

Significant Dates

1867

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Turner-Pharr House at 101 North Fourth Street in Clarksville is significant as a good example of the transitional Greek Revival-Italianate style which characterizes many of Clarksville's finest houses and also as the residence of two of the leading families of Clarksville's industrial past. It is thus eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C in the areas of significance of architecture and industry. As part of the multiple property listing, "Historic Resources of Clarksville," the Turner-Pharr House is significant in the historic contexts of Commerce & Industry and Architecture. It is an outstanding example of the property type, "High-Style Houses," defined in that document.

Guidelines printed in National Register Bulletin 16, page 30, permit the association of buildings other than factories and stores with the theme of Commerce and Industry if those buildings "resulted from the general growth or prosperity influenced by the theme." That is especially true of the Turner-Pharr House, which was one of the most substantially built houses of its era in Clarksville and situated so as to draw attention to itself at the top of a rise and thus to the prosperity of its builder. Since none of the industrial buildings associated with Thomas Turner or Caleb Pharr have survived, this house serves as the principal reminder of their achievements.

Thomas and Ann Turner bought this lot from William S. Hough in 1865 and sold it to George Turner in 1867. One of these Turners, who were in the lumber business, built the house. Lumbering was then one of the dominant industries in the Missouri towns along the Mississippi River. The wood came not from Missouri but from the white pine forests of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Logs were floated downstream in large rafts, then processed in saw mills for use locally or for shipment farther downstream or elsewhere by rail. The construction boom after the Civil War created almost instant fortunes among the lumbermen, which this house expresses. The lumber company the Turners started was later consolidated, along with four others, into the firm of Hughs and Campbell.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

1. "Clarksville, Surveying the Past -- Phase I." Jefferson City, Missouri: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1987.
2. Tales and Talk from Down in Pike. Clarksville: Coterie, GFWC, 1976.
3. Your Guide to a Walking Tour of Clarksville. Clarksville, Mo.: n.d. [c. 1976].

Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

A 15 680300 4359690
Zone Easting Northing

C

B
Zone Easting Northing

D

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies Lot 252 and the north half of Lot 253, both part of the 1851 addition to the original plat of Clarksville.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses that portion of the original historic property still associated with the subject residence.

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11. Form Prepared By

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A closed-in porch with a root cellar beneath it is on the south part of the rear wing. The wing itself is structurally separate from the main house but must have been built at or near the same time. A covered basement entry of frame construction stands along the back wall of the main house. Behind the house are the remains of a foundation said to have been a carriage house. The yard slopes down from the house to the street on the east and south sides. A squared-rubble rock wall supports the front yard. It is covered with ivy, and has steps leading up through it from the street. Two cisterns are in the back yard. The view from the house overlooks the whole city and the Mississippi River.

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Turner-Pharr House

In 1870 Caleb Pharr bought this house from George Turner. Pharr had already bought the adjacent lots 154 and 155 from Clifford and Hough in 1865. He was a descendant of Samuel Pharr, an early settler who had come to Missouri in 1819 before it was a state. Caleb Pharr practiced medicine in Clarksville and was also engaged in manufacturing and dealing in barrels, boxes, hoops, and lumber with L. W. Haywood. The Clarksville Stave and Barrel Factory had been established by Haywood in 1856. Dr. Pharr bought a half interest in it the same year he bought this house. Barrels were important to Clarksville's economy not only to supply the two flour mills, but also the vinegar factory which was right next door. The region of Pike County around Clarksville was known for its apples, from which the vinegar was made. The barrel factory with its related operations employed more men than any other business in Clarksville. Dr. Pharr died in 1900, and although his family retained ownership of this house for many years after that, the association of the house with this important industry may be said to have ended with his death. The factory itself ceased operation about 1920.

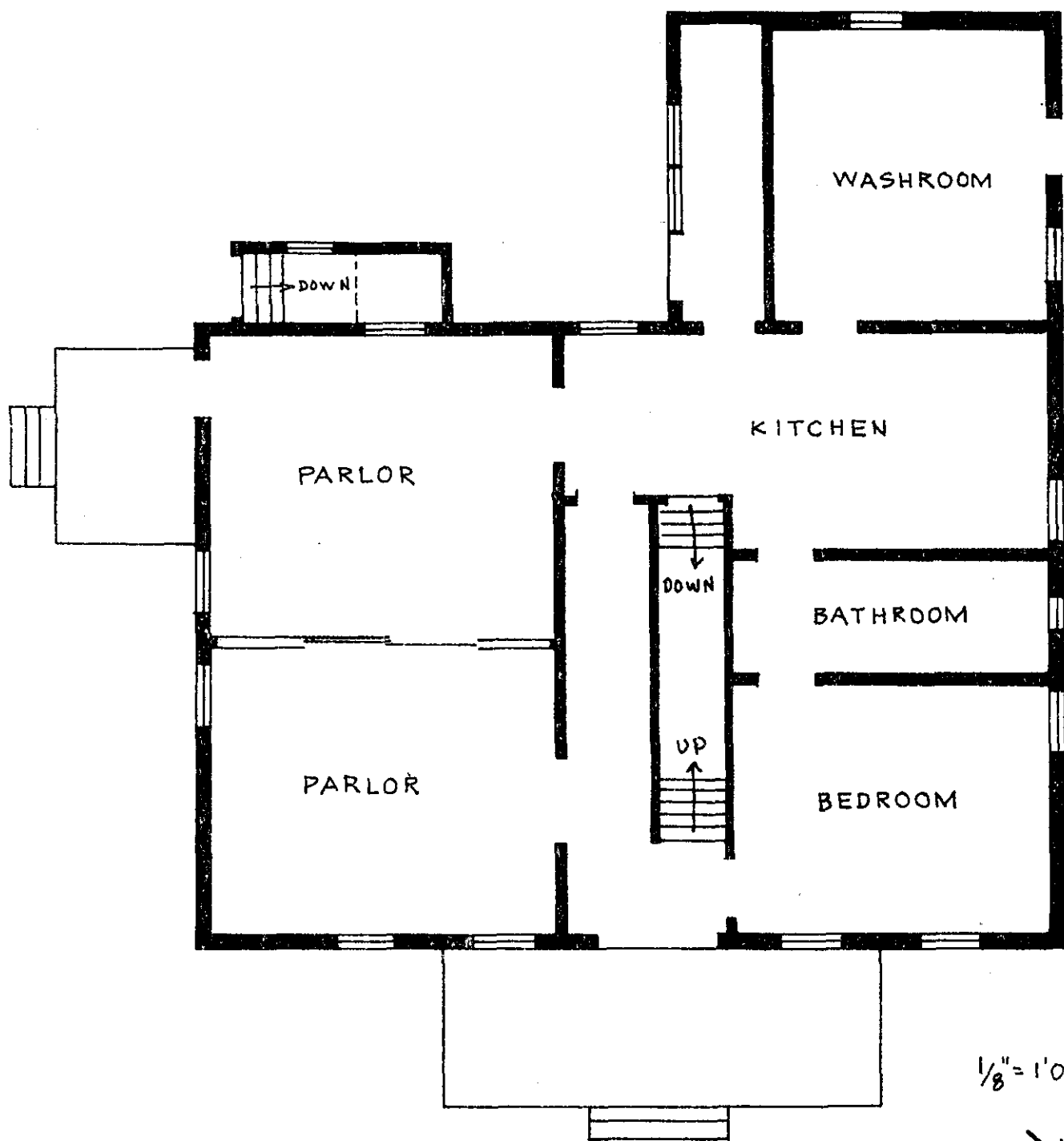
From the 1920s through the 1940s the house was owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Patton; Mrs Patton was Nellie Pharr. Mr. Patton was mayor of Clarksville and prominent in many civic and business endeavors. In 1949 the house was purchased by Edward and Crystal Hawkins, who sold it to Thomas and Joanne Jaeger in 1969. They rented it out for a few years before selling it to Donna L. Prewitt, the present owner, in 1974.

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NORTH FOURTH STREET
CLARKSVILLE, MISSOURI

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000488

Date Listed: 5/9/91

Turner--Pharr House
Property Name

Pike
County

MO
State

Clarksville MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

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Signature of the Keeper

7/8/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The level of significance was omitted form the nomination form.
The correct level of significance is local.

This information was verified by Steve Mitchell of the MO SHPO staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Turner-Pharr House, 101 North Fourth Street
Historic Resources of Clarksville, Missouri

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View from southeast

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